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For: METHOD OF DETECTING ANALYTE USING  
MAGNETIC BEADS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

### This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.